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HOUSE DEMOCRATIC LEADER PAFFORD APPLAUDS MARRIAGE EQUALITY

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TALLAHASSEE — Let the marriages begin.

On the eve of the landmark application of marriage equality to all Floridians, House Democratic Leader Mark Pafford applauds the rule of law, celebrates the freedoms guaranteed by the Constitution and welcomes the beginning of marriages for everyone.

"Democrats support Judge Hinkle's injunction and its appropriate application," Pafford said. "We cherish the checks and balances built into our system. As much as we revere the process, it is the liberty and happiness of Floridians that we support most."

Pafford said he is glad the New Year begins with a recognition of the legal right of all Floridians to express both their love and commitment and enjoy the protections of law marriage affords. It is the right thing to do.

"I happily look forward to a new day dawning for civil rights in Florida," Pafford said. "I'm so glad we'll have reason to celebrate Jan. 6, 2015, as the day full marriage equality came to the Sunshine State."

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